



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics November

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 5,556 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in November 2005, down 762 (-12.1%) from the 6,318 initial claims filed in November 2004.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (800) sector have filed the largest number of initial claims this month, representing 14 percent of the month's total claims. The Manufacturing (680) sector reported the second largest number of claims and represented 12 percent of the total monthly claims. These layoffs are typical for this time of year and mirror last year's layoffs of 16% in Construction and 14% in Manufacturing. Workers classified in the Administrative & Waste Services (563) and Accommodation & Food Services (468) sectors also filed significant numbers of claims this month.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (677), Production (673) and Construction & Extraction (604) occupations filed the largest number of claims, accounting for one-third of all claims filed in November. There were also significant numbers of initial claims filed by workers classified in Management (452), Transportation & Material Moving (412) and Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance (411).

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

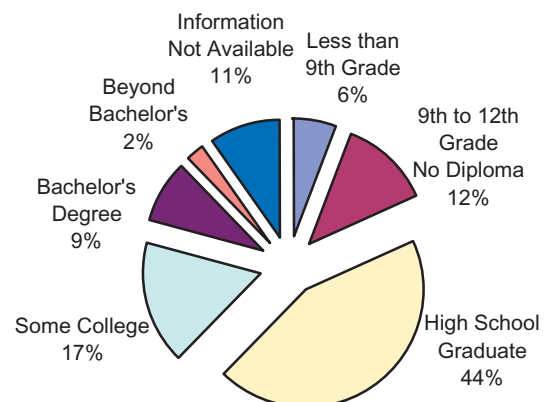
Industry	Claims	Percent
Industry	5,556	100%
Agriculture/Forestry	43	0.8%
Mining	2	0.0%
Utilities	1	0.0%
Construction	800	14.4%
Manufacturing	680	12.2%
Wholesale Trade	140	2.5%
Retail Trade	391	7.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	126	2.3%
Information	35	0.6%
Finance & Insurance	146	2.6%
Real Estate	80	1.4%
Professional & Tech. Services	138	2.5%
Management of Companies	25	0.4%
Administrative & Waste Services	563	10.1%
Educational Services	40	0.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	329	5.9%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	201	3.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	468	8.4%
Other Services	119	2.1%
Public Administration	36	0.6%
Information Not Available	1,194	21.5%

Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Occupation	5,556	100%
Management	452	8.1%
Business & Financial Operations	111	2.0%
Computer & Mathematical	48	0.9%
Architecture & Engineering	51	0.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	18	0.3%
Community & Social Services	30	0.5%
Legal	17	0.3%
Education, Training & Library	48	0.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	85	1.5%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	69	1.2%
Healthcare Support	122	2.2%
Protective Service	58	1.0%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	337	6.1%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	411	7.4%
Personal Care & Service	74	1.3%
Sales & Related	234	4.2%
Office & Administrative Support	677	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	43	0.8%
Construction & Extraction	604	10.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	211	3.8%
Production	673	12.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	412	7.4%
Military Specific	5	0.1%
Information Not Available	766	13.8%

Men filed sixty-two percent of the November claims whereas women filed thirty-eight percent. Landscaping and Groundkeeping Workers is the occupation most cited by these newly unemployed men. Hand Packers and Packagers is the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-four percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Twenty-eight percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with nine percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Eighteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.



Data may not add up due to rounding variations.

* 2004 Annual Average Covered Employment.